

Dear Esteemed Committee Members:

I am writing today to ask that you please reconsider the passing of RB 5447. As the grandparent of an Autistic child as well as volunteer in the Special Needs Community, I feel that this Bill needs to be killed or even shelved. We are all aware, especially me as a Practicing CPA, of what our budget is like in Connecticut but we cannot keep kicking things down the road to the detriment of our Special Needs Community. We have paid our taxes in the hopes that our Educational System will provide the services needed to every child in our Community. We owe it to provide for services now that will eliminate the financial burden that may be even greater down the road for these Children and thus the State.

Thank you for your kind consideration that affects the long term quality of life for our Special Kids now and will create much more of a burden in the future. We are kicking so much down the road right now and who will be left in Connecticut when that comes to pass

We must always protect our kids as much as we can possibly can as they cannot do it for themselves. We hope that maybe some day they can. We need better decision making in Hartford that does not keep on coming back to bite with ever growing teeth.

Thank you for your consideration in not moving RB 5447 forward.

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